## LOW NAMES COMMISSION TO CHANGE POLICE LAWS.

Points Out Reforms Already Accomplished in His Long-Delayed Talk-Wants a Chief to Handle the Force, and the Dismissal of Corrupt Men Made Easier-No Plain Clothes Spies on Sunday Excise Violations.

POLICE AND

ACCOMPLISHED :

the entire force.

EXCISE AS

TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

SEEN BY LOW

"Red Light" district wiped

"Cadet system" abolished.

Easier method of getting rid of corrupt and inefficient of-

Chief of Police to manage

Commissioner has now too

many duties to perform. He

should be relieved of the duty

Commission to change the

laws for accomplishing these

Police are only expected to

They must see that the

doors of places not authorized

to sell on Sunday are locked

THEY ARE NOT BOUND

OR EXPECTED TO GO BE-

YOND WHAT THEY CAN

ACCOMPLISH IN FULL

obliged to conduct all important trial

oppersonally.
"There are doubtless other amendments which experience under the presof law would indicate to be desirable

appoint a commission, consisting

Eugene A. Philbin and Gen. Avery

of Commissioner Partridge, Mr

D. Andrews, to look into this sub

ject and to make such suggestions

as to the amendments of law as

Doesn't All Depend on Law.

say a helpful word upon the subject at the present time.

"It is worth while, perhaps, to call attention, first of all, to the fact that the Excise law has been greatly changed since I was Mayor of Brooklyn—twenty years ago—and also since Mr. Roosevelt was President of the Police Commission of the City of New York under Mayor Strong.

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"The change in the method of issuing a license effected by the Raines law calls for no discussion at the present time, although this change was, in my judgment, both far-reaching and salu-

No Spies in Saloons.

go under ordinary conditions.

may seem to them good."

of conducting police trials.

SUNDAY EXCISE LAW:

enforce letter of law.

and the screens raised.

UNIFORM.

Mayor Low to-day made public his long heralded "talk" on the police. He first discussed the embarrassments of the Police Commissioner, showing how he is hampered by the law. This is illustrated by a reference to reforms accomplished in the Street-Cleaning Department.

It is asserted by the Mayor that if the Police Commissioner had the same power to remove inspectors and captains that the Street-Cleaning Commissioner has to remove subordinates results would come

In spite of all difficulties, the Mayor contends that much has been accomplished in the way of reform.

The Mayor says a Chief of Police is needed, that changes in the platoon system may well be made, and says he will appoint a commission to draw amendments to the law.

Concerning Sunday excise he says the police are not expected to do anything that they cannot accomplish IN FULL UNIFORM.

Here is what the Mayor says: Difficulties to Be Met.

"The Police Department touches the people at so many points as to make a discussion of it difficult under the conditions that attach to these talks. Especially is this the case at a moment when public opinion is excited in connection with a particular incident such as is now under investigation. Even now, however, it may not be amiss to consider some of the problems with which the Police Commissioner is called

"Let me try to illustrate his first embarrassment. During the last six months, the Department of Street Cleaning in the bureau of final disposition, has saved \$28,000 as compared with last year, notwithstanding the fact that it has handled 42,000 loads more than last year. In addition, during the entire month of July, it has not sent a single load of waste to sea. These are notable achievements. They have been made possible, first, by the substitution of Commissioner Woodbury by the Mayor for the former Street Cleaning Commissioner, and, second, by the substitution of Capt. Piper by Commissioner Woodbury for the former Superintendent of Final Dis-

position.
"The inspectors and captains of the police force are to the Police Commissioner what the heads of departments are to the Mayor, and what the Superintendent of Final Disposition is to th Street-Cleaning Commissioner.

"If the Police Commissioner could remove inspectors and captains at will, or as easily as officials not on the uniformed force can be removed, results would be expected quickly, which, under existing laws relating to the Police Department, can only be had

"But the Police Commissioner canne do this. All that he can do is to shif officers around.

Reforms Pointed Out.

"It is no small matter that, even u der these circumstances, the Commis sioner of Police has succeeded alread in putting an end to the 'Red Light district, of which so much was heard in the last campaign; in abolishing th horrible 'cadet' system, which was part of it, and in breaking up not a fe of the most notorious evil resorts in the city. Some progress has been made i other directions as well.

"In every discussion of the poliforce it must always be borne in mine that all good citizens want to think of it and to be proud of it, and that th Things that injure or discredit force must be spoken of as they merve; but it would be a grave injus-tice to the great body of the force to suppose for an instant that it is not itself ashamed of the things that bring just criticism upon it. I am sure that in the long run, the city may confi dently make its appeal to the con sciences of the men who, as police men, wear the city's uniform.

"I am impressed, however, with the belief that, in one way or another, it must be made easier than it is now for the Police Commissioner to rid the department of an officer whom he knows to be inciscient or whom he believes to be

"At the present time charges must be proved in a manner that will stand the set of a court of law before the department can be rid of an unsatisfactory officer. Only recently the Commissioner has given almost all of his time for six weeks to the trial of an acting captain. Proceedings of this sort do not make for discipline; they are against it. In the meanwhile the time of the Commissioner is taken up by tedious trais in a way that interferes seriously with his administration of the department. I understand that the conditions attaching to police service make sure protection of officers from arbitrary removal necessary in the interests of the force, but I believe that the existing law can be importantly improved in this and other respects. proved in a manner that will stand the

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"In the first place, the force at the present time is not properly organized. The Police Commission or is obliged to administer it without a Chief of Police. This is precisely as though the Secretary of War were called upon to administer the Army without a commission the Commission of the Secretary of War were called upon to administer the Army without a commission the Commission of the Secretary of The effect is to cumulate upon the Commission of two different soris of a time that do not belong together. In the Commission of the Secretary of the Salouns of the Cosing of the Salouns that are not hotels, the raising of screens, and the like; BUT THEY ARE NOT BOUND. SPECTED, ORDINARILLY, IN THE EX. PECTED, ORDINARILLY, I

### "L" ENGINEERS URGE AN IMMEDIATE STRIKE; DEPUTY CHIEF YOUNGSON ADVISES ANOTHER APPEAL, THIRD "L" RAIL WENDELL RAIDS

DEPUTY CHIEF YOUNGSON AND "L" ENGINEERS AT THE BROADWAY CENTRAL.



(Continued from First Page.)

to stand by the engineers. T. M. Pierson, Vice-President of the SAYS HIS WIFE BELIEVE HYLAS Order of Railway Telegraphers, was also present in the interest of the "L" telegraphers, who also have grievances.

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Although assured by the engineers that it would be futile, HAS 7 HUSBANDS MEANT NURDER Mr. Youngson insisted on appealing again to General Manager Skitt before any definite action was taken.

Engineers Talk of Trickery.

"I have been much interested also in the discussion which has been carried on concerning the three-platon system. It appears to me clear that the objections to that system, as it was formerly organized, are serious and weighty. On the other hand, many of the criticisms urged against the present two-platoon system also seem to me to be very strong. All that stands in the way of a strike on the Manhattan "L" system is an agreement signed by a representative of the engineers last February binding them to a ten-hour day as motor-"I shall, therefore, ask the same gen-elemen to look into this matter and to eport to me their recommendations in his regard.

This agreement fixes their pay at \$3.50 a day. On the part of the Manhattan system the agreement was signed by General

Before the engineers can take any further steps to right the wrongs since wedded six other husbands, they assert are being inflicted upon them they must convince the chief some of whom are still living. She to his own suicide. officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers that the agreement was, as they maintain, secured through trickery.

"It will not be imagined, I am sure, and I place my reliance solely upon anness in the law, and in the readjustment of the hours of police duty for aprovement in the police conditions of the city. Even under the existing law, ith all its defects, the Police Commiscoper had large experience." er had large command of the situa-er had large command of the situa-, and I expect to see improvements dily effected. The law, however, is Commissioner's tool, and better k can be done with a good tool than is noor one. Firemen with the Engineers.

Mr. Youngson arrived in New York this morning and went to the her to be. Mrs. Elliott, or, as her husband cannus her to be. Mrs. Elliott-Duncan-Peck-Broadway Central Hotel. There he was met by the Grievance Commit. of the L road engineers and motormen-William L. Jencks, Chief of Division No. 105; J. W. Smith, W. C. Hoff, Andrew H. McFarland, Frank home at No. 78 Charles street. She is Parrish, H. B. Penny, I. D. Woolsey and J. F. Bingham.

With this committee were James Kinney and John Wells, representatives of the firemen on the elevated railroads, who have determined to stand by the engineers in any steps they may take.

If statements made at the offices of the "L" to-day are true Mr. Youngon will not see Mr. Skitt before Saturday. The assistants of the General snowstorm was raging, he returned home Bousa. Hylas told the police it was all Manager of the Manhattan say that Mr. Skitt left town this morning and will not return for two days.

Where he went and who he went to see have not been divulged. George Gould, who came from Saratoga yesterday, had a long conference with Mr. Skitt last night and left for Saratoga this morning.

judgment, both far-reaching and salutary.

Two results flow from these provisions of the law. First, that in saloons which are qualified as hotels, liquors can be lawfully sold on Sundays, provided it is served with a meal, and in some other place than the barroom. The courts, also, have held that a sandwich is a meal.

'On June 20, 1902, there were 12,723 liquor tax certificates of all kinds in force in the city of New York, and of these 2,791 were hotel certificates. When the Raines Law went into effect there were about 550 hotels in what is now the lity of New York. This means that a large number of places which, to the ordinary sight appear to be saloons, have now the legal right to sell liquor on Sunday. It was expected that John J. Hanrahan, of Peoria, Ill., head of th Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, would come to New York to talk with his men about their demands upon the Manhattan system. But. Mr. Hanrahan is busy in the West.

He wired to-day that he had ordered Charles Wilson, Vice-Grand Master of the Brotherhood, to repair to this city as soon as possible and confer with the representative of the engineers already on the ground. The firemen have the assuranc of Mr. Hanrahan that any action they may take will be backed up by the order of which they are members.

Grievances of the Firemen.

No spies in Saloons.

"This suggests two questions. First, a it not possible, leaving all other assects of the question out of view, that he existing law, in its own way, makes ample provision for the public demand for the use of liquor on Sunday? Second, what is the duty of the police on Sundays as to the saloons which have not qualified as hotels? As a matter of fact the firemen have as many grievances as the engineers. The railway company has promised them that as fast as they are can. The newly married pair, Elliott on set down from their cabs in the locomotives they will be taken care of in alleges, were tried and convicted and positions paying them as much salary as they drew as firemen until such a "Clearly the police must see that time as they are promoted to be motormen.

A few of the firemen have been promoted. Others are acting as conlocked; that the screens are ductors or gatemen at stations. The majority have been put to work in the raised; that there is no gathering power-houses.

### to me the duty of the police to PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST STRIKE, SAYS MR. SAGE.

Russell Sage, a director of the Manhattan Railway Company and one of its largest stockholders, was interviewed by an Evening World reporter on his arrival in New York from his summer home in Lawrence, L. I. Mr. Sage said:

Astounding Charges Police Arrest Bohe-Made by Thomas E. Elliott in a Separation Suit.

In a suit before Justice Steckler in the Supreme Court to-day, Thomas E. Elliott charged that the woman Eighty-seventh street, Capt. Titus benom he married Jan. 21, 1869, has admits four marriages.

Mrs. Helen C. Elliott had applied for dimony and counsel fees pending the trial of an action for a separation. Whipple-Mark with-Smith-Totten, says Elliott on May 1 ordered her from his sixty-four and is now living at No. 115 West Fifteenth street. Elliott, she says, is a Custom-House watchman at \$2,000 Bousa received the letter.

Shut Out in the Snow.

Elliott in his affidavit sets forth that when he married the plaintiff she was a Miss Helen Towle. In 1871, when a one night to find the door locked against him. In reply to his demand for admittance, he says, he was informed by story. They saw Miss Petran, and she his wife that his trunk was packed in said that Hylas had called on her Sunthe hall and that he could take it and day evening, just after he had mailed leave, as Mrs. Elliott had received some the letter to Bousa, and had tried to money from a relative and did not want to have anything to do with him.

gesting that they go to Long Island for the evening. She told the police that she suspected something was He left and sought shelter elsewhere thirty-one years-he says he never heard

He then proceeds to give the alleged record of his wife's other marriages, obtained after a searching investigation. On Aug. 24, 1876, he says, the plaintiff, under the name of Ellen Towle, married August C. Duncan, who had the marriage annulled.

In 1882 he says she married George sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Snake Hill Penitentiary for robbery Charles Whipple, Elliott alleges, la ter married her under the name of Helen C. Peck, and lived with her at

me and from there I told him that I would not go. I also told him to go away from the house and not to come here any more. That was the last I saw of him.

"From what has transpired I believe that he intended to take me over on Long Island and kill me and then, perhaps, kill himself. I feel safer now that he is arrested.

Capt. Titus eaid that he believed that Hylas, after being spurnod by Miss Petran, resolved to wait his cuance and kill her. Hylas is still held as a dangerous person. He will be arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court to-merrow morning and the police will rry to have him committed to Bellevue to have his mental condition passed upon. If he is declared to be sane the polics will prefer charges against him with the object of having him placed under heavy bonds to keep the peace or have him held in restraint. eventeenth street and Sixth avenue. As Ellen Whipple, the woman married ciliott says, John Markwith, in eithe 1885 or 1886. They went to live in Orange N. J., where Markwith died in 1892. M. Mason Smith, of Downesville, Dela ware County, N. Y., was, according to Elliott, her sixth husband, she having married him under the name of Ellen C. Whipple. He is said to be still living. In 1901, as Helen Smith, she left Downesville and went to Walton, N. J., where, Elliott alleges, she married William Totten under the name of Helen Winslow. Totten is said to be still alive.

MOODY AT NEWPORT, MONDAL. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.-Secretar; "Talk of a strike is absurd. Public sentiment would be against it. The surface lines have all they can handle, and to tie up the elevated would result in a great outery. They could not afford to stop the operation of the elevated.

"Of course there will be conferences to-day with our people."

Winslow. Totten is said to be still alive. Elliott says he was surprised when, aboard the Dolphin, will join the North Atlantic Squadron at Newport next Newport next

# BURNS TWO MEN BIG POOL-ROOM.

Heavy Steel Hammer Elizabeth Street Police Coming in Contact with Charged Iron Causes Explosion.

Captain Arrests Gamblers in Stewart Building.

No. 1968 Third avenue, and John Coghlin. thirty-eight years old, of No. 868 Tenth Detectives Roth, Burns, Sinn and Burnsavenue, electricians, at workk at Twen- stein, raided a poolroom in room 92 or y-eighth street on the Third avenue the second floor of the Stewart Build-Elevated tracks at 2 o'clock this aftering, Broadway and Chambers street, a noon were dangerously if not fatally inplace which politicians frequent and jured by an electric shock. They were where many of the city offices are, and taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Coghlin held a heavy steel hammer which came in contact with the electric | The officers then went to the maloon third rail, and an explosion followed of Andrew Berger, at Centre and Chamwhich startled the neighborhood for a bers street, and arrested Berger and block around. Flames were started, and George Wallace for running a handbook. Wolfert's clothes caught fire. He jump-ed to the street, where Policeman Ditch Magistrate Flamer at the Centre Street tore his clothes from his body.

Coghlin received the greater shock but was not so badly burned. Residents in the neighborhood thought that some disastrous explosion had occurred. It is feared that both men may die.

Family of Five Burned to Death.

Police Captain Wendell, of the Elizaeth street station, accom arrested James McDonald, Charles Jones and Charles McCarthy.

Court and all were held.

Lawyer Joseph Moss, of the firm of Howe & Hummel, apepared for the de-Bergen's saloon is a landmark fre

quented by many prominent politicians, Family of Five Burned to Death.

STOCKTON, Cal., Aug. 7.—Leo Wilder, wife and three children were burned to death at their country home near the village of Elliott, this county. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

quentled by many prominent potentials, and his arest for violation of the Excise is we caused some surprise.

The greatest interest was shown, however, in the fact that an alleged pool-room was raided right under the noses of some of the most prominent of the heads of the city's departments.

# Rothenberg &:

Great Bargains Every Day in the August Furniture Sale.

A Bargain Friday



mian Who Wrote of

In the arrest of Gottlieb Hylas,

young Bohemian, of No. 205 East

of Miss Anna Petran, of No. 486 East

The Chief of Detectives is not inclined

o consider the young tailor's action in

the light of a joke. The arrest of Hy

las was aided by William Bousa,

tailor at No. 318 West Thirty-sixth

street, for whom Hylas had worked and

who received from Hylas a letter Mon-

day morning. In the letter Hylas said

woods near Winfield, L. I., and that he

himself would be dead by the time

Bousa took the letter to Capt. Titus

An investigation showed that Hylas

was still alive, and he was arrested

In his pockets were several other le

All were similar to that received

ers addressed to friends and relatives

persuade her to a drive with him, sug-

wrong and refused to go. She said to

"There was something about him

which made me believe he wanted to

get away from home and I would not

go. He had threatened to kill me if I

of him. When he came Sunday evening

and made the proposition to go out I

ran upstairs where he could not ge

me and from there I told him that

id not marry him. I was always afraid

he detectives:

he had killed his sweetheart in the

Anna Petran.

Intention to Slay Miss

### Sensation for Boys.

Pants and Blouses at Half and a Third. A Venderful Purchase! Entire clean-up from the makers. Better values than the season has produced anywhere before. The best garments that we have seen offered at such astounding figures. Values are positively underestimated. Look at these two specials:

Pants 9c. Value 19c. to 29c., double print Values 39c. to 59c., fancy linen, cham-

galatea, linen, duck, crashes, chambrays and percale. 50 styles, fast color, taped seams, patent bands, deep, turn-up hems,

bray, duck, crashes and galatea, detachable embroidered shields, extra large lined sailor collar, full blouse, some Golonials

Hemmed Sheets. Made of the celebrated New York Mills Muslin at prices less than the cost of the muslin by the yard: 54x90.....396 63x90 ......45c 81x90 ......55c 72x90 ......49c 90x90 ......59c

Outing Flannels, new designs, 63c

ask, per yard.....

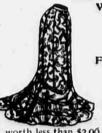
and Oxfords.

2,500 yards of heavy unbleached 43c Sheeting, 8c. quality, at...... 43c

Children. In patent leather only, bu patent leather is the most stylish and desirable sort this season. All are nicely made, and the Colonials have large buckles. Sizes from 8 to 2: low Cases, size 45x36.... 121c spring heels. Special from 979c

Sailor Blouses 15c.

### Great Skirt Sale.



Washable Skirts, made from polka dot Russian duck, full graduating flare flounce, piped with white pique, shown in black and white and blue and white, less than half price, at..... Fine Washable Skirts, made from woven chambray

allover tucks, full flare flounce, trimmed with embroid ery to match, shown in blues, oxblood and green, also Handsome Foulardine Skirts, silk foulard pattern, flare flounce style, trimmed with 3 rows of lace; shades of blue and white, black and white. Russian polka dot duck, double flounce style, etc., etc. Nothing in this lot 98c worth less than \$2.00. While they last....

Women's Hose Women's Fast Black Cotton Full Seamless Hose, cor-rect in sizes and worth 10c. 5C

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Fruit Jars. Mason Fruit Jars, porcelain lined

49c. doz. 59c. doz. 1-2 Gallon.

Men's All Fast Black Seam-less Socks, fine quality, extra elastic and every pair worth 5C Hero Quart Jars, glass tops, 95c patent fastening, per doz....... 95c

at \$4.75

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Ladies' Golf & Walking Skirts at \$2.50

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of Striped Cheviots, Latest Models,

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Women's Shirt Waists

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